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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BF, US

SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OF RADIOISOTOPE POWER GENERATOR AT
NAVFAC ELEUTHERA

REF: NASSAU 324 (221356Z FEB 74)

1. REFTEL REPORTED CONTENTS OF EMBASSY'S NOTE TO GCOB
REQUESTING APPROVAL TO INSTALL SUBJECT GENERATOR AT THE
US NAVAL FACILITY, ELEUTHERA.

2. THE GCOB REPLY TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE FOLLOWS:

QTE (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING). IN ORDER TO GIVE FURTHER
CONSIDERATION TO THIS REQUEST THE MINISTRY WOULD BE GRATEFUL
IF THE EMBASSY COULD FURNISH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION:

A. WHAT IS THE RADIATION LEVEL OUTSIDE THE SHIELD OF THE CAPSULE?

B. WHAT METHOD OF MONITORING WILL BE USED FOR THE PROTECTION OF
THE PERSONNEL AT THE FACILITY?

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C. EXPLAIN THE METHOD WHICH WILL BE USED TO ENSURE THAT PERSONNEL ARE PROTECTED FROM SIGNIFICANT RADIATION DOSAGE RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THE UNIT.

D. PLEASE STATE LEVEL OF RADIATION THE PERSONNEL WILL BE EXPOSED TO WHO USE THE UNIT.

E. WILL THE SAME MONITORING BE PROVIDED FOR BAHAMIANS WHO MAY BE EMPLOYED AT THE FACILITY FROM TIME TO TIME AS FOR US PERSONNEL. WILL THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT BE PROVIDED BY LETTER WITH THE DOSE LEVEL BAHAMIAN PERSONNEL MAY RECEIVED FROM TIME TO TIME?

F. IN THE EVENT OF A RUPTURE OF THE STRONTIUM-90 CAPSULE WHAT PROCEDURES WOULD BE USED AND WHAT ASSURANCES WILL THE UNITED STATES GIVE THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT THAT THE NECESSARY STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO PROTECT THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE AREA SO THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ENDANGERED?

G. WHAT AREA COULD BE AFFECTED BY A RUPTURE OF THE CAPSULE?

H. COULD THE EMBASSY FURNISH THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT WITH ANY LITERATURE ON THIS UNIT FROM THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION?

I. IS THE UNIT IN QUESTION TYPICAL OF THE ONES GENERALLY USED TO POWER SONAR STATIONS?

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING) UNQTE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY BE PROVIDED ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IN ORDER TO REPLY TO GCOB REQUEST.

4. ANSWERS WILL HAVE TO BE UNCLASSIFIED OR, IF CLASSIFIED RELEASABLE TO GCOB.
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